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## COMMUNICATION WITHOUT WORDS

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*“Every single thing we learn, no matter how small or seemingly inconsequential, is of immense value There—beyond time/space.”—RAM*

One of the most important things we learn in life is to communicate. From the time we are aware, we strive to communicate in any way we can. Our mothers even communicate with us before we are born, while we are comfortable and secure within the womb. When we are born into the physical world, we continue to refine our ability to communicate.

Some of our best teachers are animals. They come into our lives and adapt to our way of living and communicating. Many times we fail to notice that they are experts at nonverbal communication—masters of telepathy. If you have a pet, observe how it interacts with you and others. If you have more than one pet, who is the leader, who is assuming the alpha role? Notice how alpha pets project themselves. Watch their body language as well as their vocalizations. How do they convey messages to each other? What kind of communication commands respect?

By opening our minds and letting go of preconceptions, we can comprehend the value of animals' behavior and communication. If we related as they do, perhaps we would better understand our role in nature. Adopting our animal companions' strategies might make our spoken words clearer and more direct. Our communication would be forthright, simple, and to the point.

It has been said that dog is God spelled backward. There is some truth in that observation because dogs represent pure unconditional love. Their goal is to love us regardless of expectations. Those of you who have dogs understand that they are psychically connected to you. They know when you are happy, sad, frustrated, angry, or calm. Dogs may even “know” when you leave your office and get into your car to return home, according to studies done by biologist Rupert Sheldrake, PhD. He describes the phenomenon in *Dogs That Know When Their Owners Are Coming Home: And Other Unexplained Powers of Animals*.

Dogs can also “read” you and act accordingly, bringing you back to your center—to pure unconditional love. They accomplish this through a connection to us on a higher level, through the field of consciousness that surrounds all living things. How do they discover how to do that? This connection isn't taught. They simply have it. If this is true, then we apparently share that same connection with our pets and with all living things. The beauty is that since animals

do not depend on words as humans do, they can understand life in its simplest form, without complication or misinterpretation.

Animals enter our lives as our partners and as bearers of unconditional love. It is important for us to acknowledge their gifts and to honor their wisdom. They remind us that we are part of the whole and not the whole itself. If we open our minds to what our animals can teach us, we will find it to be of immense value There.

The following is a quote from Patty Summers's book *Talking with the Animals*. She received this message from a dog that had died after a prolonged illness.

*I hope that I did not leave your hearts empty, for you have filled mine. I did not doubt in your care for me. So why would you question yourselves? You showed me that love always exists. Love never dies. You were my teachers in this. You welcomed me as part of your family. What I offer you is the lesson I have come to learn: Love is a continual circle. Her [his former person's] love for me continued through you. I was able to share with you the love in my heart. You would honor me by allowing your love for me, and mine for you, to continue by sharing it with another. Love makes us complete. It is not who we share it with, but that we share it.*

—Gee, a dog, through Patty Summers

Patty says, "The animals share that love is a circle, making all whole and complete—the understanding that we all are a part of one another, and that in giving to one, we give to one another."

I urge you to use the member CD—*Communicate with your Pet*—to connect with your special animal companion. The results may surprise you, and we would be honored if you would share them with us.

Please take time to enjoy the lessons of wisdom taught by all of your animal friends.

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